

# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate

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- By: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
- Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD**

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Appointees**

Kari Hill of Milwaukie; Reappointment

#### Term

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025

#### **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

ORS 675.310 (2019)

#### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### **Statutory Requirements**<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of five members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> All members of the board must be residents of this state. Board members must include:

- two licensed occupational therapists in this state with no less than three years of experience in occupational therapy immediately preceding their appointment (HEDRICK PARK, PERKINS);
- one licensed occupational therapy assistant (HILL); and
- two public individuals whom are not otherwise eligible for appointment or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of an individual who is a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant (JENKINS, MOORE).

Board members required to be occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 (2019), ORS 171.565 (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See ORS 244.050 (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See ORS 182.100 (2019) for affirmative action policy and ORS 236.115 (2019) for diversity criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ORS 675.310 (2019).

- the Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon, if the vacancy is in an occupational therapist position; or
- any professional organization representing occupational therapy assistants, if the vacancy is in an occupational therapy assistant position.

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A member must be removed immediately from the board if, during the member's term, the member:

- is not a resident of this state;
- has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused;
- is not a licensed occupational therapist or a retired occupational therapist who was licensed and in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as an occupational therapist; or
- is not a licensed occupational therapy assistant or a retired occupational therapy assistant who was licensed and in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as an occupational therapy assistant.

The board must organize and elect from its membership a chairperson and vice chairperson, each of whom shall hold office for one year or until the election and gualification of a successor.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Duties and Authority**

The board administers licensing for and provides general supervision of the practice of occupational therapy in this state.<sup>6</sup>

The board has power to:7

- deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license or impose probationary conditions;
- suspend or revoke the license of any person licensed by the board if the licensee is unable to practice with reasonable competence and safety due to the habitual or excessive use of drugs or alcohol, other chemical dependency, or a mental health condition:
- authorize all necessary disbursements to carry out the statutory provisions assigned to the board;
- suspend, revoke, or invalidate licenses for nonpayment of renewal fees, and restore licenses that have been suspended, revoked, or voided;
- with the approval of the Department of Administrative Services, adopt and collect license and license renewal fees;
- investigate any alleged violation of the laws administered by the board;
- in the conduct of an investigation, take evidence, take the depositions of witnesses, compel the appearance of witnesses, require answers to interrogatories, compel the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>ORS 675.320 (2019)</u>. <sup>6</sup> <u>ORS 675.210 to 675.340 (2019)</u>.

<sup>7</sup> ORS 675.320 to 675.336 (2019).

production of books, papers, accounts, documents and testimony pertaining to the matter under investigation, and issue subpoenas;

- enforce licensing provisions and generally supervise the practice of occupational therapy in this state;
- make and enforce rules for the procedure of the board and for regulating the practice of occupational therapy;
- establish minimum requirements for continuing education to be complied with by all licensees;
- establish minimum requirements for a limited permit to be complied with by all applicants prior to issuance of a limited permit;
- establish official abbreviations that may be used by persons licensed as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants;
- establish minimum requirements for supervised field work necessary for applicants;
- adopt rules that define the scope of the practice of occupational therapy and that reflect national standards for the practice of occupational therapy; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

Occupational Therapy Licensing Board Agency: Health Licensing Office Authorization: ORS 675.310 Members: Min: 5 Max: 5 Term Length: 4 years Limit: None Senate confirmation required? Yes	Policy Area: Health Board Contact: Nancy Schuberg 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 407 Portland, OR 97232 971-673-0198 Fax: 971-673-0226 nancy.schuberg@state.or.us
Current Appointments: Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)	
Sybil L Hedrick Park, Chair   Occupational Therapist   Term(s): 10-15-2017 - 10-14-2021   10-15-2013 - 10-14-2017	Position Number: 2
Kari L Hill Occupational Therapist Assistant Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025 07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021	Position Number: 1
Kari L Hill Occupational Therapist Assistant Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025 07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021	Position Number: 1
Clyde Jenkins, II Public Member Term(s): 04-01-2021 - 03-31-2025 04-01-2017 - 03-31-2021	Position Number: 5
Clyde Jenkins, II Public Member Term(s): 04-01-2021 - 03-31-2025 04-01-2017 - 03-31-2021	Position Number: 5
Erion L Moore II, Vice-Chair Public IMember Term(s): 04-21-2024 - 04-20-2024 04-21-2016 - 04-20-2020 02-17-2016 - 04-20-2016	Position Number: 4
Max Perkins Occupational Therapist Term(s): 06-15-2019 - 06-14-2023	Position Number: 3